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Post Shorts

Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 16

The APG Retiree Council will host the annual Retiree Appreciation Day 8 a.m. to noon, this Saturday, Oct. 16 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. The event includes exhibitors who provide good and services to the retiree population, a panel discussion with APG organizations and remarks by the APG post and garrison commanders and guest speaker, Brig. Gen. James A. Adkins, Maryland adjutant general. At noon, attendees can dine in the Garrison Dining Facility.

For more information, contact Richard Zalusky, APG Retiree Council, 410-278-5036 or email Richard. Zalusky@us.army.mil.

Garrison Prayer Breakfast

Garrison staff and Family members are invited to a Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m., Oct. 20, at the Aberdeen Area dining facility, building 4503, to hear an inspirational message and call to action by Chaplain (Col.) Wayne Boyd, senior command chaplain for the Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison. Special music will be provided by Mike Cashman. Attendees can purchase breakfast for \$2.30. The prayer is free. Reservations are appreciated but not required. For more information, call the Aberdeen Area Chapel at 410-278-4333.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The Department of the Army theme for Domestic Violence Awareness Month is "Imagine an Army free of domestic abuse: Prepare, Prevent and Protect."

On Oct. 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., an information booth with staff from the Harford County Sexual Assault and Spouse Resource Center (SARC, Inc.) will be in the Main Post Exchange lobby.

The DVAM activities conclude with a Candlelight Vigil **See SHORTS**, page 9

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'Festival of the Arts' brings out APG talents in three FMWR shows

Story and photo by

YVONNE JOHNSON

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Members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground community showcased their talents during the APG Festival of the Arts Weekend with "Tribute to the Troops," a patriotic three-act variety show and the APG Adults Got Talent and Kids Got Talent showcases at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center Sept. 24 and 25. APG Festival of the Arts is entered into competition at Department of the Army level each year. This is the first year it has included a theater production.

When Aberdeen Proving Ground called for talented acts to participate in the APG's Kids Got Talent and APG's Got Talent Adult showcases, a wide range of singers, dancers and musicians responded to present a memorable night of entertainment at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center Sept. 25.

The shows' judges were Silvia Meranski and Richard Delbrook of the Chesapeake Community Players and Roy Graphenreed of the EPRock Media Group. Also in attendance for both shows were Army Festival of the Performing Arts judges Darryl Allara and Ken Freehill.

Performers from the Chesapeake Community Players performed during breaks and intermissions.

The first place winner in the age 16 to 18 category was Kwame Parker, who sang, played keyboard, and captivated the audience with the song, "Still Here" by the gospel trio, The Williams



Tikiela Mims sings her original song, "Focus," on the way to a first-place win during the APG Festival of the Arts/Adults Got Talent Showcase, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center Sept. 25. See page 7 for "Tribute to the Troops" coverage.

Brothers. Edward Minor of the Free State ChalleNGe Academy came in second for his energetic dance to Michael Jackson's "Beat It," and ChalleNGe Dancers Lashae Lewis, Anina Ford Jasmine Dill and Loshoya Lee took third place after dancing to the song "If I Were A Boy," by Beyonce Knowles. Sam Spangler wowed judges and the audience enough to win first place and the People's Choice Award in the age 15 to 17 category for his original song on drums, "Dirty Dish Rags," followed by Rachel Bauer, in second place for her haunting rendition of the song "Angel" by Sarah McLachlan. The age 10 to 12 category winners were Kristen Sloan in first place with a charming rendition of the "1, 2 won second for the song "Cooler Than Me" by Mike Posner.

Other performers in the show included People's Choice winner Lisa Henson who sang a song from the album Mali Music by recording artist Damon Albarn; Loretta Miller, who sang "Before He Cheats" by pop star Carrie Underwood; and Nicademas Weber of the ChalleNGe Academy who played guitar and sang an original song.

Patricia Devine of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools emceed the program. Guests included Maj. Gen. Nick G. Justice, Commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command; Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and depu-

RDECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Hector Marin who assisted Justice and Devine in presenting awards.

"Give them a great big hand because they were absolutely amazing," Justice said of the performers.

Most of the winners said they were humbled by the audience and judges reactions to their presentation. "I picked this song because I

like the artists and the message," said Parker who is a senior at Joppatowne High School.

He said he's been singing

"for years" and taught himself the keyboard three years ago. "I've played by ear ever since," he said "I was yery comfortable

"I've played by ear ever since," he said. "I was very comfortable and I thought I'd do well today."

Parker plans to attend **See SHOWCASE**, page 17

German Military Officials tour ARL Labs

JENNIFER DOWNING

Leaders from the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command and the U.S. Army Research Laboratory met with members of the German Federal Office of Defense for Technology and Procurement Sept. 8 to tour ARL at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

President Harald Stein of the German Federal Office of Defense for Technology and Procurement was met by RDECOM Commander Maj. Gen. Nick Justice, ARL Director John Miller



Photo courtesy of ARL

Maj. Gen. Nick Justice, RDECOM commander, greets President Harald Stein of the German Federal Office of Defense for Technology and Procurement Sept. 8 at the start of a tour of ARL at APG.

and ARL's Weapons and Materials Research Director Jill Smith.

Just as the U.S. Army Materiel Command is the Army's premier provider of materiel readiness – technology, acquisition support, materiel development, logistics power projection and sustainment, the German office is responsible for ensuring the "Bundeswehr" or Federal Defense Force is equipped with state of the art technology and equipment.

The group discussed topics ranging from the Engineer and Scientist Exchange Program to ARL's continued relationships with universities.

According to Justice, ARL employs a wide range of scientists in varying areas of expertise and educational backgrounds.

"ARL provides the foundation and underpinning for science and technology analysis to the Army," he said. "ARL has a well educated workforce across the lab. I know I speak for John and I in commending the intellectual diversity ARL has worked hard to build. ARL has a highly educated workforce and we're proud to hire them from an extensive number of universities."

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Visit the APG CFC Online Silent Auction!

Photo by RACHEL PONDER

Artwork, sports memorabilia, toys and collectables are some of the items that are available for bidding through the Aberdeen Proving Ground Combined Federal Campaign's Online Silent Auction. Items can be viewed by clicking a link at the bottom of the APG Web site at www.apg.army.mil/apghome, near the CFC Thermometer. "Check the auction regularly as we will be adding new items throughout the campaign," said Lesley Bell, CFC chairperson. The APG CFC office is also seeking donations for the Online Silent Auction to raise money to support CFC charities. For more information, visit the APG CFC office, Building 4313, or call 410-278-9913/9915/9916.

Job seekers brave stormy weather for opportunities

Story by

YVONNE JOHNSON

APG News

The weather outside was frightful but it didn't stop hundreds of jobseekers from attending the Harford County Job Fair at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood Sept. 29. On the same day that remnants of Tropical Storm Nicole roared through dumping around eight inches of rain on the region, more than 500 people braved the weather to check out job opportunities in Harford County.

The Susquehanna Workforce Network, Inc. presents the fair twice annually in partnership with the Harford County Office of Economic Development, the Chesapeake Science and Security Corridor, the Maryland Division of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, the Harford County Chamber of Commerce, Harford Community College, and the Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Forty employers, including Aberdeen Proving Ground organizations, and defense contractors, were on hand to provide information and answer questions about their organizations.

Joe Ricci, regional workforce coordinator for the Susquehanna Workforce Network, said organizers were "extremely pleased" with the turnout.

"This is going very well considering the weather conditions," he said. "There's been a steady flow of job seekers since the doors opened."

He said that in 2009 the Job fair attracted more than 1,500 visitors and that the network served more than 34,000 job seekers.

"We're on pace to break that record this year," he said.

The network holds several fairs in Harford and Cecil counties throughout the year.

For more information, visit the Susquehanna Workforce Network Web site at www.swnetwork.org.

Marilyn Howard, ACS employment readiness program manager, operated the event's employer registration table.

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Commander's corner



MAJ. GEN. NICK JUSTICE

U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command and Aberdeen Proving Ground Commanding General

Aberdeen Proving Ground is unique in the Army. As far as installations go, APG is large. We have more than 144 miles of Chesapeake Bay coastline along the base. But it's not just unique because it's large. We're unique because of our people.

People are what make the difference. This is also part of my personal philosophy that has served me well in my 40 years in uniform.

To set things in perspective, "People first, mission always."

As the commander of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, I have set in motion an imperative. We call it the "5 P's" for short. That stands for people, places, purse, processes and products. It's a way of looking at our mission and keeping us centered on what's important.

I believe in the 5 P's, and I want to share them with you because you may find them useful in your organization.

Over the next five weeks, I want to go into detail on this way of thinking. Today, I want to talk about people.

Many of you remember the Army of the 1970s. It was a challenging time to be a Soldier. The military was recover-



ing from Vietnam, and we were moving from a draft-time Army to an all-volunteer force. What brought us out of those dark days was a focus on people.

In the 1980s, the Army introduced the Noncommissioned Officer Education System. For the first time ever, young sergeants were getting a valuable education. Our NCOs went from being foremen to having the same education that we gave our officer corps. They understood levels of technical competence in their own specialty, in their own skill set. They started learning leadership and the strategic nature of the Army's purpose.

It dramatically changed the Army.

We're doing the same thing today with Army Civilians. We want our workforce to become multi-skilled, agile leaders of the 21st Century.

So, it's about workforce development. Leaders at every level need to recognize the benefits that come with a highly educated and motivated workforce.

As APG continues to grow, we have a responsibility to make sure no one falls through the crack. If someone is new, make sure they have a sponsor. Sponsorship is something we should all take seriously. Sponsors are responsible for introducing the new employee to the installation and the area.

You know what they say about first impressions. It's true.

If our focus is on people first, we need to put more effort into recruiting, retaining and educating our workforce. Folks, this is easy. If you've been following our social media sites like Facebook and Twitter, you've been seeing a wide variety of jobs available at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

That's recruiting. But we also need to be proactive in matching the right person with the right job. Hiring officials need to be asking the right questions. Leaders need to be making the right choices.

Once we have a quality employee toward that goal. Army Strong!

onboard what are we doing to keep them around?

Providing ample educational opportunities is part of the answer. Good leadership, not just management, that's another step in the right direction. But quite honestly, I believe there is more to it than that.

In order for people to truly feel like their job is a perfect fit depends on three things. Ask yourself these questions. Is what you do challenging? Is it rewarding? And finally is it exciting?

A reward doesn't just mean money. Sure, it's nice to be able to pay the bills. But think for a minute how what you do supports our Soldiers, our Warfighters.

All of us at Aberdeen Proving Ground play a role in supporting our troops. We all are in some small way making America safer.

That in itself is rewarding and exciting. I encourage you to make your job more challenging. It's kind of like lifting weights. You'll never get any stronger unless you push yourself to lift more. You can make your job more challenging by pushing yourself.

Finally, consider this, I don't want the best players from every team in the country. What I want is the best team in the country. All of us at Aberdeen Proving Ground have the potential to be members of that team. Let's work together toward that goal. Army Strong!



CECOM settles into new Center of Excellence

Photo courtesy of CECOM

Nina Gallup, administrative assistant for the deputy to the commanding general of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, unpacks a box in Building 6002 in the new C4ISR Center of Excellence campus at Aberdeen Proving Ground. She, and the rest of the CECOM command group, moved into the facility Oct.4. The new headquarters is part of the first phase of an overall \$800 million construction project that encompasses 2.5 million square feet of office, lab and administrative space.

Phase I includes a \$477 million complex with nine buildings totaling 1.5 million square feet with workspace for 5,000 personnel. The first group of four buildings was accepted by the Corps of Engineers in June 2010 and another three buildings was accepted Sept. 15, 2010. The remaining two buildings and site work were accepted Sept. 30. Elements of the C4ISR Center of Excellence continue to move into the new buildings in phases.

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ommentary: Fire prevention is a Family affair

CHRIS STARLING

This article is the first in a series of articles that will appear in the APG News throughout October. Future articles will discuss past fires on the APG installation and what could have been done to prevent them, the importance of E.D.I.T.H (Exit Drills in the Home), the significance of your building's periodic fire/ life safety inspections, and usage of fire extinguishers.

The garrison's Fire and Emergency Services Division of the Directorate of Emergency Services firefighters and emergency responders wish to thank the public for its support of the 2010 Community Awareness Day that was held at building 2200 Oct. 9.

Fire prevention origin

On October 8, 1871, a fire broke out in a small barn in Chicago's north side. Two days later, when the fire was finally brought under control, hundreds of people had succumbed to the flames and nearly four square miles of the city had been destroyed by the conflagration.

This tragic event is remembered every year during the second week of October as National Fire Prevention Week. While fire departments around the country consider every day to be a day to teach fire safety, it is during this week that fire fighting services step up campaigns to educate communities on about fire safety, home fire drills, smoke alarms, fire prevention, and fire protection.

Fire safety awareness

The need for such ardent fire safety education initiatives becomes obvious when one considers that in 1978 more than 6,000 Americans lost their lives due to fires at home or at work. While the number of fire-related deaths has decreased since the late 1970s (down to approximately 3,000 in 2009), the amount of property damage that has occurred due to fire has increased from an estimated \$2 billion in 1978 to approximately \$8 billion last year. If not for any other reason, these numbers reflect the real need for public fire safety awareness and education.

This year's fire safety campaign slogan, as prescribed by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), is "Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With" It is likely that most people have heard the phrase "Smoke detectors save lives." This motto has almost become cliché because it is repeated so often but it has been proven time and again that adults do not actively inspect, test, or change the batteries in their smoke alarms as often as they should.

Smoke alarms have proven themselves as very effective devices for saving lives by alerting building occupants early when there is an emergency. However, these devices only work when they are properly maintained and tested. Here are a few tips to help ensure proper functioning of smoke alarms:

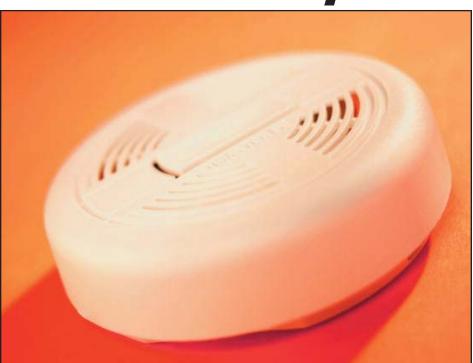
- The NFPA strongly suggests that every bedroom possess a smoke alarm and that at least one smoke alarm should be on every level or floor of the occupancy.
- Hard-wired smoke alarms should possess a battery backup for instances when electric service is disrupted.
- Regardless of any variables, smoke alarm batteries should be replaced twice a year. One method for remembering this is to change the batteries when changing clocks for daylight savings or standard time.
- Smoke alarms should be tested once every month by activating the audible

alert mechanism by pushing the smoke alarm's test button.

- Smoke alarms that are more than 10years-old should be replaced with a new smoke alarm.
- Practice home fire drills often, especially if young children, elderly, or special needs persons reside in the home.
- Establish a family "meeting place" in the event of a fire. Its location should be far enough away from the house to provide a safe area of refuge but not so far away to confuse Family members or responding emergency personnel. An ideal "meeting place" may include a backyard swing set, a well known tree, or a neighbor's front steps.

For more information about smoke alarms or home fire drills, contact the APG fire department or your local municipal fire department.

Editor's Note: Chris Starling is a DES fire inspector working out of the Edgewood and Aberdeen Area fire stations.



Putting the needs of others first

Outgoing HHC Commander reflects on job, life in the Army

Story and photo by **CHANEL S. WEAVER** 20th Support Command (CBRNE)

For an outsider looking in, it may appear that Capt. Norven Charles' job as the Headquarters and Headquarters Company Commander for the 20th Support Command is a dream job with many advantages. He has a reserved parking space, comfortable office, and his photograph is posted on the outside of his headquarters building.

But that's where the perks end.

"It's a twenty-four-hour job, and you are always on duty," Charles said.

He should finally get some after passing the guidon to a new commander Oct. 1.

For the past 15 months, Charles maintained a demanding schedule at the 20th Support Command. As the commander of HHC, he was responsible for accountability of all Soldiers within the unit.

"I needed to know where every Soldier was at any given time," Charles said. "We don't want any Soldier to be unaccounted for."

As he prepares to go to Alaska for his next assignment, Charles took some time to reflect on a job and career that has made him the Soldier he is today.

While most employees end their work day around five, sometimes Charles' work day is just beginning.

"I have an open-door policy, and sometimes a Soldier wants to talk about issues they are experiencing," Charles said.

Charles said he knows that a Soldier's personal problems can affect morale and productivity on the job, so he always makes time to listen. He frequently counsels Soldiers who are facing a variety of personal and professional challenges. If any Soldier becomes hospitalized or injured, Charles is there. He even sends out monthly e-mails recognizing the birthdays of Soldiers within the command.

"To me, Soldiers are people, and I care about their well being," Charles said.

Charles said he knows personally how much an encouraging word can affect someone for the better.

"As a teenager growing up in Brooklyn, New York, I started hanging with the wrong crowd, and made some bad choices," Charles said.

He was caught vandalizing and shoplifting, and landed in a judge's courtroom three times.



Capt. Norven Charles (left), outgoing Headquarters and Headquarters Commander for the 20th Support Command and Staff Sgt. Miguel Valentin, the supply sergeant for the 20th SUPCOM, conduct inventory of an Explosive Ordnance Disposal robot Sept. 22. For the past 15 months, Charles maintained accountability of all personnel and property within the 20th Support Command.

It took a member of the community to talk some sense into him.

"One of the elders in the community told me to stop what I was doing or I could end up in jail," Charles said. "As a kid in high school, I took a field trip to prison, and I knew that was some place I didn't want to be."

When an Army recruiter called Charles in 1993, he was ripe for the picking.

After researching the various careers available, he joined the Army as an Infantryman. He performed well and transferred from the enlisted to the Officer Corps in 2003.

Charles' past assignments include: Battalion Chemical Officer, 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, N.C.; Platoon Leader, 101st Chemical Company, Fort Bragg, N.C.; and CBRN Joint Response Team Leader, Company C, 22d Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort). Additionally, Charles deployed as a battle captain and battalion chemical officer for 1/325th Airborne Infantry Regiment during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Charles is leaving the 20th SUPCOM with mixed emotions.

"I am ready for the challenge at a new command, but I am really going to miss the folks, here," Charles said. "The 20th Support Command is a diverse group with various backgrounds. I enjoy working with the people."

Sometimes Charles faced challeng-

es, however. He said it was tough working in an organization where many of the Soldiers held higher ranks than he.

"I've often compared my job as HHC commander to being the mayor of Washington, D.C.," Charles said. "It's my job to run the city, but everyone works for the president.'

Despite these challenges, Charles has made an impact on the 20th. His coworkers said his presence will be missed because he is an asset to the command.

"He's the best commander I've worked with," HHC 1st Sgt. Terry Sykes said. "He is very knowledgeable as a leader, but he also finds time to roll up his sleeves and work "

Under his command, Charles and his team ensured a member of 20th SUPCOM HHC was personally there to welcome home a Soldier returning from a deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan. He also helped organize numerous events for the command, and he and his team have raised money for the command through innovative fundraisers.

Many Soldiers, however, believe Charles' greatest legacy will be his implementation of "The Dirty D's."

Just before the 20th SUPCOM troops break their formation for the weekend, they all recite the "Dirty D's":

- Don't drink and drive.
- Don't do drugs.
- Don't beat your spouse, kids, or pet.
- Don't be dishonest
- Don't have unprotected sex.

Charles said these rules are basic tips for success. He said he cares deeply about his unit, and doesn't want to see anyone end up in a bad situation because of poor choices.

"When I go back to New York, it saddens me to see that a lot of the guys I grew up with are either in jail or dead," Charles said. "I'm grateful the Army has helped to mold me into the man I am today."

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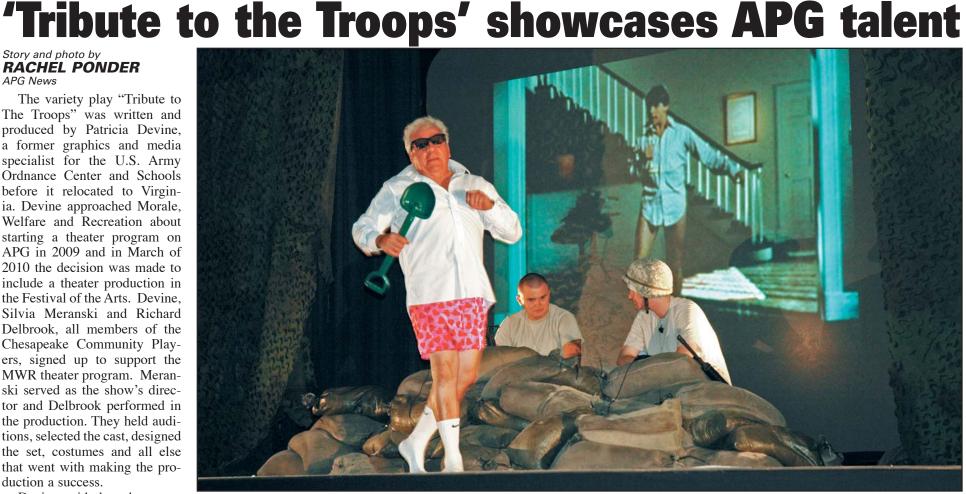
Story and photo by **RACHEL PONDER** APG News

The variety play "Tribute to The Troops" was written and produced by Patricia Devine, a former graphics and media specialist for the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools before it relocated to Virginia. Devine approached Morale, Welfare and Recreation about starting a theater program on APG in 2009 and in March of 2010 the decision was made to include a theater production in the Festival of the Arts. Devine, Silvia Meranski and Richard Delbrook, all members of the Chesapeake Community Players, signed up to support the MWR theater program. Meranski served as the show's director and Delbrook performed in the production. They held auditions, selected the cast, designed the set, costumes and all else that went with making the pro-

duction a success. Devine said that she created the "Tribute to the Troops" show in the tradition of Irving Berlin's Soldier shows. The show featured singing, dancing and comedy from aspiring APG actors, singers, dancers and comedians. The cast for the show included Sgt. 1st Class Stuart Tempalski and Staff Sgt. Antonio Lewis of the 143rd Ordnance Battalion, Jessica Kaley, Shayna Bucharelli, Jenny Wassom, Irene Richardson, Nolan Smith, Tiffaney Evans, Ebonie McClintock, Kirby Kelbaugh, and Ashley Ramirez. Volunteers included Devine, Meranski, Delbrook, Chad LeFleur, Nelson Meranski, Sean Jamison, Trevor Biggers, Jim Rapposelli, Ted Tharp, and Steve Huff.

MWR provided resources and staff support to build a stage extension, setup props and perform setup and clean-up and the U.S. Army Network Enterprise Center provided audio visual, lighting, sound and video support.

The show was set in a ficticious Army war camp in a foxhole at "Camp Gidderdone," during wars of three dif-



At the "Tribute to the Troops" variety show, held at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center on Sept. 24, Richard Delbrook recreates a scene from the movie "Risky Business." In the background, Sean Jamison, left, and Kirby Kelbough, right, are portraying Soldiers serving in the Middle East recalling their favorite music, movies and television shows from back home.

ferent time periods, World War II, Vietnam, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Each act focused on the style of song, dance and comedy that was popular during the eras.

For instance, Jessica Kaley, who works for Army Team Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance and Richard Delbrook, a U.S. Navy veteran, performed an Abott and Costello routine called "Loafing" during the WWII act and sang "Dream a Little Dream of Me," during the Vietnam act.

Kaley, who relocated to APG from Fort Monmouth, N.J. last December, said that when she saw the advertisement for the "Tribute to the Troops" show she was excited about participating.

"In New Jersey I was very involved in community theater," Kaley said. "I was an actress, singer, musical director, producer and teacher. When I moved here I missed it terribly. When I saw the flyer I knew I had to get involved. I am really looking forward in participating in other acting and singing opportunities in the community."

Staff Sgt. Antonio Lewis, from the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School, who portrayed a Soldier in the Vietnam era, said that the variety show was his first acting experience.

"I had an awesome time," Lewis said. "The show was a good history lesson for me since it focused on Soldiers living in different time periods. It showed some of the challenges that they went through, as well as the culture of that time. I thought it was really interesting."

Lewis added that he hopes that there will be more opportunities to act on APG in the

"Having theater on APG will open up doors for Soldiers. It

will give them an opportunity to step outside the box, and will give them a creative outlet," he said.

Irene Richardson, from the U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional), who sang "The Nearness of You," during the WWII act, said that she was enthusiastic when contacted about using her talent for the show. Richardson also sings in the Upper Chesapeake Chorus, a barbershop chorus.

"I had a fun time working with everyone, especially the Soldiers and the young folks," Richardson said.

Several attendees commented that they enjoyed the show.

"I like that this show portrayed the history of Soldiers, that means a lot to me," said Debbie Wells, who heard about the show through a local VFW. "My father served in the Navy during WWII. This show brought back memories of some of the things he told me about serving during that time period."

"The protestors (during the Vietnam act) also brought back some memories from when I was young," she said. "My generation did not support the war, but my Family taught me to always respect the military. I try to give back to the military whenever possible to show my support."

"I thought the show was really enjoyable and fun," added her friend, Don Aquilano.

"We judge entertainment produced by Soldiers for Soldiers," said Darryl Allara, an Army Entertainment consultant.

"The U.S. Army is the largest producer of theater in the world," added Ken Freehill, who also judged the show. "We are very proud that APG has entered the theater realm."

For information about MWR Theater programs and other upcoming production, see the MWR Web site at www.apgmwr.com/events.

Community Notes

FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY

OCTOBER 15, 16 & 17 MARYLAND HOME AND GARDEN SHOW

The Maryland Home and Garden Show will take place 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 15 and 17 and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 16, at the Maryland State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Road in Timonium. Home and garden experts, contractors, landscapers, interior designers, arts and crafts, TV personalities will help homeowners transform their homes and gardens from drab to fab and more. Cost of admission is \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors age 62 and over, \$3 for children ages 6 to 12 and free admission for children ages 6 and under and active duty military with ID.

For more information, call 410-863-1180 or visit www.mdhmeandgarden.

FRIDAY

OCTOBER 15 AUTUMN SUNSET PADDLE

Paddle the creek as the day comes to an end and take in all the seasonal changes that fall brings, in, on and around the water. This program will be held 4:30 to 7 p.m. for ages 8 to adult. The cost is \$10 per person. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

BASKET AND PURSE BINGO

Basket Bingo will be held 7 p.m. at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, Aberdeen. Doors open 6 p.m. The evebt benefits the Aberdeen Lioness Lions in support of local community services. This is a non-smoking event. Bring a non-perishable food item for a chance on a special drawing. Needed items include peanut butter, jellies, stews, chili, chunky soups, pancake mixes and syrup. Purchase presale tickets at \$10 per ticket or \$12 at the door for 20 bingo games with all paper cards; extra packs cost \$5 each. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Fright for Sight - bring old or new glasses, prescription or nonprescription. Give others the gift of

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332 or Sandy Pierce, 410-808-1131.

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 16 ASTRONOMY DAY AT HARFORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Harford County Astronomical Society and Harford Community College will present Astronomy Day, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the lobby of Aberdeen Hall. The public is invited to attend. There also will be a viewing session at the Harford County Observatory, 7 to 10 p.m. There may be an opportunity to observe Comet 103P/Hartley 2. Park at the Harford Technical High School parking lot; the observatory is a short walk away.

For more information, e-mail harford-astro@yahoo.com.

HIKETHRU HISTORY AT OTTER POINT CREEK

Discuss the history of the creek area while hiking the trails. This free program will be held 10 a.m. to noon for ages 10 to adult. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

HAUNTED HALLOWEEN HIKE AND CAMPFIRE

Spend a spooky evening at the park hiking through the woods to discover the creatures of Halloween. Meet these real scary critters up close and listen to tales spun by Halloween characters. After the hike, enjoy music and roasted marshmallows down by the cozy campfire. This program will be held 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for anyone able to handle a three-quarter mile hike in woods at night. The cost is \$5 per person. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 17 USAF HERITAGE AIRE CELTIC ENSEMBLE

The Havre de Grace Arts Commission and Havre de Grace Recreation Committee will sponsor The Heritage Aire Celtic Ensemble, 3 p.m. at the Havre de Grace Activity Center located on 351 Lewis Lane, Havre de Grace. This event is free and open to the public. The Ensemble includes five members of the USAF Heritage of America Band, and is well known for performing a wide variety of popular pub tunes and traditional songs using Irish flute, Irish button accordion and penny whistle accompanied by acoustic guitar and electric bass.

For more information, call 410-939-2100 or visit www.HeritageofAmerica-Band.AF.mil.

FALL FOLIAGE AND FEATHER FOTOS

Photograph the beauty of fall at the Estuary Center. The leaves will be fiery and the birds active, so dust off the camera and capture some colorful images of this transitional season. This program will be held noon to 2 p.m. for ages 14 to adult. The cost is \$10 per person. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

MEET A CRITTER

Check out one of the Center's live critters up close while discovering what makes that animal special. This free program will be held at 3 p.m. for all ages. No registration required.

For more information or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

MONDAY

OCTOBER 18 GUNPOWDERTOASTMASTERS

The Gunpowder Toastmasters will meet 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m., in the Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility in building E-4516 Seminar Room. Going on a job interview? Giving a presentation? Toastmasters can assist. Toastmasters will help individuals

- Develop better speaking and presentation skills
- Learn to think quickly and clearlyBuild strong leadership abilities
- Hone listening skills

Learn these skills and more in a supportive, self-paced, fun atmosphere. The Gunpowder Toastmasters meet the first and third Mondays each month (unless the date falls on a federal holiday) in the Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility, building E4516 Seminar Room. Click on http://gunpowder.freetoasthost.info for directions or

contact Heather McDowell at 410-436-7816 for more information.

OCTOBER 19

LUPUS SUPPORT GROUP MEETS GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL

The Lupus Foundation of America DC/MD/VA Chapter offers a free support group for lupus patients at Good Samaritan Hospital in Baltimore. The group meets every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The sessions are led by a trained professional who understands the challenges of lupus, a chronic, autoimmune disease with no known cure that can damage any part of the body including the skin, joints, heart, lungs, blood, kidneys and the brain. About 80,000 people in D.C., Maryland and Virginia have lupus — 90 percent of whom are women.

For additional information call 1-888-349-1167 or, e-mail info@lupusdmv. org , Participants may also check http://tinyurl.com/lupusgrps.

WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 20 MAGNET SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE

Open House for the Science and Mathematics Academy at Aberdeen High School will be held 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Attendance is not required at the Open House for application or admission to any magnet program. Visit www.hcps. org for applications to each of the magnet programs.

ASTHMA WORKSHOP

The Mid-Atlantic Asthma Foundation is conducting a Living Well with Asthma Night workshop 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Abingdon Branch Library. Join us to learn how to better manage your child's asthma this school year. The class is open to both adults and children seeking to gain better control of their asthma. The program consists of an interactive educational session and hands-on training on the various asthma devices. To register, call the Abingdon Branch Library at 410-638-3990 or for more information contact the Asthma Foundation at 888-947-5552.

(Editors Note: More calendar events can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army. mil under Community Notes.)

7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Chapel Oct. 27.

For more information, contact Aida Rivera, ACS Family Advocacy Program Manager, at 410-278-7478 or e-mail aida.rivera@conus.army.mil.

BJ's membership sale

The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor BJ's discount membership Registrations, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 27 and Nov. 16 at the Southside Grill located in the Stark Recreation Center, building E4140, Edgewood Area and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 18 in the APG Bowling Center, building 2342, Aberdeen Area. These are the last dates to sign up before the holiday season.

BJ's Wholesale Club offers 15-month membership for \$35 for all civilian and military personnel, retirees and contract employees. This offer is good for new customers and for membership renewals. Save \$10 and get three months free. Renewal membership holders should bring their current card with them.

For more information, call Patti Harkins, 410-436-4467 or e-mail patti.harkins@us.army.mil.

MCSC upcoming events

'Tis the season to join the APG Military and Civilian Spouses' Club! Spouses of all military branches regardless of status - and all female Aberdeen Proving Ground and tenant activity active duty personnel, civilians and contract employees, active or retired, and spouses of APG and tenant activity civilians and contract employees and anyone who volunteers in an APG philanthropic organization are eligible to join. Membership information and application forms are available at www.apgmcsc.org.

For more information, contact Tiffany O'Sheal, 937-260-1647, membership@ apgmcsc.org; or Annie Brock, 443-686-1484, president@apgmcsc.org.

See APG Newswatch

The APG video news program, APG Newswatch, is available for viewing online at http://www.army. mil/media/amp/?bctid=604972674001.

The lineup includes:

RDECOM Receives the Army Superior Unit Award; CECOM Holds their Casing of the Colors Ceremony at Ft. Monmouth as they officially move to APG; The Chesapeake Science and Security Consortium meet at the HEAT Center discussing the APG transformation; Two state-of-the-art Army Test facilities open; APG Police, Firefighters and EMS Personnel honored in ceremony at Ripken Stadium; RDECOM NCO's take Professional Development training at APG to look at how Science supports the Warfighter; Three longtime Army employees retire; Top of the Bay closes for six months for major upgrade.

Post Shorts

Trick or treat, Oct. 31

Halloween and the traditional trickor-treat activities will be celebrated at Aberdeen Proving Ground on Sunday, Oct. 31. Children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. The limited period between 6 and 8 p.m. is specifically designated for trick-or-treating.

Personnel driving in the housing areas during this time are cautioned to exercise extreme care, and to be especially watchful for young children who may not be readily visible or attentive to moving vehicles. It is strongly recommended that children wear reflective markings on their costumes or carry a flashlight.

The cooperation of all concerned is being solicited to ensure a safe and happy Halloween at APG.

Hallelujah Harvest, Oct. 31

The chapel congregations invites all to attend the Hallelujah Harvest Oct. 31 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Aberdeen Area Chapel. For more information call 410-278-4333.

Transportation suggestions needed

As the population of APG continues to grow, traffic congestion and delays will increase and affect the quality of life of the APG workforce.

APG, working with Army leadership and the surrounding communities to find a solution to mitigate these effects, needs your help. The Transportation Demand Management Council asks that you participate in a survey which will assist APG officials in determining the demand and interest in alternative forms of transportation at APG. This includes carpools and vanpools as well as mass transit options such as buses and trains. The survey will allow APG to identify the characteristics of the typical APG commut-

Annual Fall Technology Expo Oct. 20

The U.S. Army Signal Network Enterprise Center and the Edgewood Chemical, Biological Center Corporate Information Office of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command will host the 2010 Annual Fall Information Technology Expo 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Oct. 20, at The Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326.

State-of-the-art technologies will be featured from Adobe Systems, AFL Telecommunications, Boise Business Interiors, CDW-G, Calient, Control Cable Inc., Dell, EPS, Fiber Instrument Sales, General Dynamics C4 Systems, Hartford Computer Group, IMC Networks, Information Technology Solu-

er and thus identify the most effective solutions to prevent traffic gridlock and long commutes.

One potential solution is better access to train and bus service in the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas. However, in order to establish trains and commuter bus routes to APG, we need to demonstrate to the state and local communities that there exists a demand. We cannot achieve this goal without your help.

Using your AKO account, fill out the survey at: https://www.us.army. mil/suite/page/640015.

For more information, call Eric Pilsmaker, 410-278-8607, or email, eric.pilsmaker@us.army.mil.

CPR, AED classes available

Aberdeen Proving Ground Fire and Emergency Services is offering CPR and automated external defibrillator classes on APG.

Two classes will be held 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month.

In the Aberdeen Area, classes will be held at the Post Chapel, classroom 3, Nov. 17.

In the Edgewood Area, classes will be held at the Conference Center, building E-4810, Oct. 20 and Dec. 15. Class size will be limited to 30 participants.

For more information or to register, call Mike Davis, 410-306-0572, or email michael.ray.davis@us.army.mil.

TSA Secure Flight Program

The Army G-4 has announced that effective Nov. 1, TSA will require tions, Jupiter Systems, Konica Minolta Business Solutions, Lexmark, Link Solutions, Napatech, Newark, Office Eagle, Plantronics, Praxis Engineering, Quantum/StorageHawk, Raritan, Red Hat, RGB Spectrum, Ricoh Business Solutions, Sony Electronics, Spirent Federal Systems, SRC, Inc., STG, Inc., System Source, T-Mobile, Winchester Systems, Wright Line, Xerox and more.

Admission is free and open to all civilian, military and contractor personnel. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call FDAE toll-free 877-332-3976 or Deb Daniel 410-278-7598, or Susan Suppa, 410-306-6087.

all passengers to have Secure Flight Passenger Data (SFPD) in their reservation at least 72 hours prior to departure. SFPD includes the traveler's full name (without rank, titles, and/or suffixes), date of birth, and gender. The traveler's full name must match the government issued ID card used at the airport. Currently, the Defense Travel System requires verification of this information each time a traveler creates an authorization.

For more information, visit https:// forums.bcks.army.mil/Community-Browser.aspx?id=1192183

Volunteer Management Information System class

The Army Volunteer Corps Program will host a Volunteer Management Information System (VMIS) class. This class will help new volunteers to register on www. Myarmyonesource.com and apply for volunteer positions, including answering any questions that they may have about the volunteer program. VMIS classes will be held once a month in the Army Community Service, building 2503, Employment Readiness Room 122. Classes will be held 2 to 3 p.m., Nov. 8 and Dec. 6. Space is limited for each class. Reserve a space now.

For more information or for reservations, call Tina Helmick, 410-278-2453.

(Editors Note: More Shorts can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Shorts.)



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

From left, Analysts Shelly Ammons and Jaine Rutrecht of the Camber Corporation respond to an inquiry about how growth due to base realignment and closure might affect area businesses from Yvette Harrell of the Fowlkes Realty Company during the 22nd Annual Harford County Job Fair hosted by the Susquehanna Workforce Network at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood Sept. 30.

From front page

Organization displays

The U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command display included information on the command's subordinate organizations: the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, Aberdeen Test Center and Army Evaluation Center. Melissa Marcopenhagen, human resources technician, distributed vacancy announcements about positions available on APG and instructions about how to apply. She said current openings were mainly for technical positions such as electrical, mathematical and statistical.

"Most visitors today were looking for administrative positions," she said.

Other participating organizations included the APG Non-appropriated Fund and the Survice and Raytheon defense contractor companies. See more about the 22nd Annual Harford County Job Fair in next week's APG

Charles

From page 4

On the rare occasions that Charles gets some free time, he enjoys spending time with his wife and son. He also frequently travels to New York and St. Croix to visit his extended family.

Charles may have grown into a model, law-abiding citizen, but he still has one vice, that he is not proud of.

"I love shopping," Charles said. "I'll see something on sale and buy it because it is a bargain, even though I don't need it."

He siad that's how he ended up with two bicycles. The second one he brought was on sale.

He said he believes in being hum-

ble, so he does not talk much about what he has accomplished. But it does make him feel good to know his parents are proud of him.

"My father did not receive an education, so he pushed us and always taught us to aim high," Charles said.

He and his five siblings have all earned college degrees. Charles earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Campbell University, and he has a master's degree in environmental management from Webster University.

Just as Charles' parents were an inspiration to him he hopes that he can set an example for his five-yearold son.

"I want him to have fun, live life to the fullest, and ensure that he respects his elders," Charles said.

From front page

Before touring the labs of WMRD, Miller spoke about the core competencies of ARL, as well as the need to branch out into new fields of research with the intent of meeting the needs of the Army's future.

"ARL has long term enduring needs that will always be essential. It is also crucial to anticipate the needs of the future force," Miller said. "Lethality, protection, networks and sensors are important areas for us."

Stein spoke about past efforts on robot technology and said he would hope to establish more relationships in the future.

"I give many thanks for the educational and informative information," he said. "I think it will help establish more collaboration in the future."

ARL briefed Stein and the members of the German office on various areas of WMRD and toured the Rodman Laboratory. Researchers presented information on weapon effects during military operations in urban terrain answering the visitors' questions regarding the predictability of the weapon effects, combining efforts and reducing materials. Briefers also shared information on coldspray technology, scalable warheads, specifically scalable warheads for adaptive response, and other current Army programs and technology.

LEAVE DONATIONS

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Pro- 410-278-5327, e-mail carolyn.russell2@us.army.mil.

gram (within agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). For more information, call Carolyn Russell,

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

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Keeping storm water flowing and free of pollutants

RICHARD WIGGINS

Garrison DPW Environmental Division

We have all seen the headlines this year, about 'Massive flooding occurring across the nation due to heavy rains'. Entire cities, such as Nashville, Tn. and New York City, N.Y. have been affected. Recently, in Portage, Wisc., a levee failure caused residents to evacuate their homes. While our local community may not be experiencing something on such a tragic scale, most of us are aware of the problems that can be caused by flooding. One of the leading causes of water damage to homes occurs from improperly maintained storm water control systems. Storm water which is not captured by storm drains or is allowed to pool up by our homes can not only cause damage to our property but can also pick up contaminants, such as oils and fertilizers, before it reaches streams and rivers, and finally the Chesapeake Bay.

So, what is a storm water control system? Most homeowners don't notice them until they clog, but rain gutters and downspouts are vital to keeping homes stormwater free. When gutters and downspouts clog, storm water is forced to flow near the foundations, o causing damage. It is important to clean rain gutters and down spouts for debris, leaves, dirt, and trash twice a year; once in the spring and again in the fall.

Also often overlooked are the storm drains that line streets. With the onset of the autumn season, the trees will soon turn spectacularly colorful and then shed their leaves for winter. While the scenery can be breath taking, leaves can accumulate in stormwater drains causing them to clog and causing storm water to flow to unintended locations which can cause flooding. The best way to prevent the leaves from clogging storm drains is to regularly maintain lawns and bag yard waste for proper disposal.

This fall everyone needs to do their part to help keep storm water on Aberdeen Proving Ground flowing and pollutant free. For more information on how to reduce pollutants in storm water run-off, visit the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Directorate of Public Works website at www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/directorates/ dpw/ or the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Storm Water Web site at www.mde.state. md.us/Programs/WaterPrograms/Sedimentand-**Stormwater/index.asp** or call the Garrison Directorate of Public Works' Compliance Branch, 410-306-2279.

Energy Awareness Month emphasizes energy security and economic prosperity

Story by **ED STAATS** DPW

Energy Awareness Month is an annual event which promotes a greater consciousness of energy consumption, wiser use of limited energy resources and reaffirms the importance of energy to the economic prosperity, security and growth of America.

The 2010 Energy Awareness Month theme is "POWERING AMERICA; We're On Target." The theme depicts how, across the nation, Federal agencies continue to zero in on energy targets to stimulate the economy, lower operating expenses, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and achieve long-term energy and economic security.

The federal government is pointing the way toward energy security and renewed economic prosperity. Investments in clean energy technologies are accelerating at an unprecedented pace. Replacing outdated vehicles with fuel-efficient hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles is transforming the federal fleet and automotive infrastructure; procurement of efficient products is reducing energy demand; constructing, operating, and maintaining high-performance buildings is tapping the power of efficiency and renewable resources. Collectively, these efforts are

expanding industries, creating jobs, and positioning America at the center of a global economy for sustainable energy.

Much of the energy conservation effort at APG is being driven by Executive Order 13423 (EO 13423) and The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA). These require the federal government to significantly improve energy and water management in order to save taxpayer dollars, conserve resources and reduce environmentally harmful emissions. Additionally, the Army is actively supporting projects that provide energy from solar, wind, biomass and geothermal sources as well as using alternative fuel solutions for transportation.

As energy users, we all have the power and responsibility to achieve the energy reduction goals established in EO 13423. But these goals, combined with additional facilities resulting from BRAC actions, put APG in a complex situation.

"Meeting our growing energy needs will require creativity, determination, and discipline," said DPW Business Integration Office Chief Robin Hooray. "But, working together, we can maintain our quality of life while improving our environment leaving behind a safer, cleaner, more prosperous world for future generations.'

Good DSR communication bolsters Warfighter recycling efforts

DLA PAO

A dump truck backs up to the landfill site. A tidal wave of 3,500 used recycling bins spills out, covering the refuse in a mound of blue. Oh, the irony.

Working together, DLA Disposition Services employees recently stopped this nonsensical scene from playing out and helped Warfighters get environmentally friendlier in the process.

After learning of the recycling bins' availability, David Drumm, a disposition services representative (DSR) at DLA Disposition Services, quickly sent word to

his fellow DSRs around the world and they just as quickly fired back a half dozen responses.

"It works like it's supposed to," said Drumm. "Just use the tools of the

Lorraine Temple, site leader and DSR at DLA Disposition Services Aberdeen, responded first, the very next day. She scored big for her home installation by staying plugged in to Aberdeen Proving Ground chatter through attendance at environmental, security, safety and commander-tenant meetings at the post. She knew tenants there had been asking for recycling bins and that the APG Garrison didn't have the funds to buy them.



Photo courtesy of DLA

DLA Disposition Services field reps helped reutilized more than 3,500 recycling bins, saving Aberdeen Proving Ground \$45,000 in acquisition costs alone. The reutilization is expected to help the installation progress toward its goal of 40 percent diversion of used items from landfills.

"I knew there was a need," said Temple. "The Qualified Recycling Program (QRM) manager was quite excited."

For good reason. The acquisition is expected to benefit the installation in a myriad of ways.

"Free bins save the garrison fortytwo thousand dollars from purchase costs [and] help promote the recycling program by having receptacles with the recycling logo," said Janmichael Graine, QRM manager at Aberdeen. Additionally, he said that increased recycling saves the installation money in disposal costs and "the more we recycle, the more we advance the garrison toward the Army goal of forty percent diversion from landfills."

FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

Activities/Events

Do-it-yourself New York City tours

Leisure Travel will offer eight hours to sightsee, shop, see a Broadway matinee and more on Oct. 16., Nov. 6, 13, 20 and 27 and Dec. 4, 11 and 18. Enjoy the city without the driving or parking problems. Cost is \$36 per person and includes roundtrip bus transportation. The bus will depart 7:55 a.m. from the Edgewood Best Western parking lot on Route 24 and return 10:30 p.m.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call MWR Leisure Travel Office,

Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or

APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil.

The Ghosts of Gettysburg

There will be a bus trip to Gettysburg Battlefield, Oct. 22. The bus will depart 1:30 p.m. and return 10:30 a.m. Cost of the trip is \$48 for adults and \$40 for children. Cost includes dinner at General Pickett Buffet, candlelight tour, ticket and transportation. Spaces are limited, reserve a space today. Open to all DoD ID card holders. Visit www.ghostsofget-

tysburg.com

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-278-4011/4907, MWR Leisure Travel Office located in the AA Recreation Center, building 3326, email APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

2010 White House ornament sale

FMWR Leisure Travel Services is selling the latest White House ornaments for \$17, but supplies are limited. The 2010 White House Christmas Ornament is in honor of William McKinley's 25th presidency and celebrates the role of music in the traditions of the White House. Visit http://www.whitehouse-history.org/ for more information.

For more information or to purchase an ornament, call 410-278-4011/4907, MWR Leisure Travel Services at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326 or email APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil.

Special Education Law

Aberdeen Proving Ground EFMP Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Network and Support Group will join meetings with the Autism Society of Harford County. Mark Martin and Lisa Frank will be guest speakers on Special Education Law, 5 to 7 p.m., Nov. 8, at Ruggles Golf Course Club House.

Martin, is an attorney with extensive experience advocating for the rights of children and individuals with disabilities. Lisa Frank, with The Special Kids Company, is an educational and behavioral consultant serving children, Families, and schools throughout Maryland.

For more information, ca 410-278-2420.

Discount tickets for APG Tickets available for Toby's Dinner Theatre

Toby's Dinner Theatre has two locations: Best Western Hotel and Conference Center located on 5625 O'Donnell Street, Baltimore and 4900 Symphony Woods Road, Columbia, Md. (South Entrance Road between Route 29 and Little Patuxent Parkway). Shows are open to all DoD ID card holders.

Disney on Ice Toy Story 3

Have you heard the 'buzz?' The toys are back in town. Tickets are available for Disney on Ice Toy Story 3 at the 1st Mariner Arena located on 201 West Bal-

timore Street, Baltimore.

Show times include 7:30 p.m., Oct. 27 and 28; 10:30 a.m. or 7:30 p.m., Oct. 29; 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m., Oct. 30; and 12:30 p.m. or 4:30 p.m., Oct. 31. An opening day special of \$14.25 per ticket is available for Oct. 27 only. All other tickets cost \$17.25 per person. Limited quantities are available. The last day to purchase tickets is Oct. 20.

To purchase tickets, visit the MWR Leisure Travel Services at the Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil.

Greens Keeper Revenge at Exton Golf Course

A four-man scramble/Greens Keeper Revenge will be held Oct. 16 at Exton Golf Course, start time is 8:30 a.m. Play the hole challenges the greens keeper has created. Refreshments and awards will be provided upon completion of the event.

Cost to participate is \$20 for annual patrons; \$35 for value card and authorized patrons; and \$40 for guests.

For more information or to register, call 410-436-2213.

SKIES Unlimited

For more information or to register for a SKIES Unlimited class, call the Central Registration Office, building 2752, 410-278-7571/7479. Open to all DoD ID card holders. For an appointment, e-mail stacie. umbarger@conus.army.mil.

Jazz Hip-Hop

Learn age-appropriate dances and hiphop themed routines from popular movies and music including Miley Cyrus, High School Musical, Camp Rock, and more in a fun filled workshop that will have everyone up on their feet and feeling the groove. Cost of the dance class is \$45 per student

Dance classes will be held at Aberdeen Area Youth Services, building 2522 on

Looking for a job?

Visit FMWR Jobs Available at **www.apgmwr.com**.

All jobs for Aberdeen Proving Ground are listed at http://acpol.army.mil/employment/naf.htm or check out AAFES Jobs link http://odin.aafes.com/employment/ for additional job opportunities.

Thursdays, through Nov. 18, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for ages 6 to 9 and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for ages 10 to 11; or Saturdays, through Nov. 13, 9 to 10 a.m. for ages 6 to 9 and 10 to 11 a.m. for ages 10 to 11.

Students must wear comfortable clothing and shoes they can move in. No jeans or denim.

Private Piano Lessons

Private piano lessons will be given for ages 4 through 18, through Nov. 13, on Tuesdays or Fridays, 3 to 9:30 p.m., and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturdays at the AA Youth Center, building 2503.

Lessons cost \$102 per student and include six weeks of 30-minute lessons once a week. Parents choose which time frame session they want to sign-up for when they register their child.

Students will be responsible for purchasing the required books for the course as recommended by the instructor.

Private Guitar Lessons

Private guitar lessons for ages 7 through 18 will be held through Nov. 13, on Tuesdays or Fridays, 3 to 9:30 p.m., or 9 a.m.

to 1 p.m., at the AA Youth Center, building 2503.

No experience is necessary. Cost of the lessons is \$102 per student and includes one 30-minute session per week for six weeks.

Students also are required to purchase books for the course as recommended by the instructor. Books are a onetime purchase. Students must also provide their own guitar.

Martial Arts at APG present Tiny Tigers

Children ages 4 to 6 can join the Tiny Tigers Unity Tae Kwon Do School of Martial Arts at APG. Parent participation is required. Instructor Sabunim Sean A. Williams will teach this program. Classes are 5:30 to 6 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, and will be held monthly. The Tiny Tiger program is an age appropriate version of Taekwondo that will help direct energy into confidence and character building skills. Students will learn traditional Taekwondo techniques such as blocking, punching and kicking including "Stranger Danger" and "Fire Safety" skills.

Unity TKD's Tiny Tiger's program places great emphasis on confidence and character building in all students. Students must wear a white T-shirt and sweat pants. Class size is limited to 12 parent and child pairings, so register early.

Musical Theater Workshop

Boys and girls ages 6 to 18 can join this fun-filled workshop series as they learn songs and routines from famous Broadway musicals, movies and hit shows including Hairspray, Glee, and Cats: the Musical. So get ready to say "Good Morning, Baltimore" and join in to all the singing and dancing. The workshop will be held at the Aberdeen Youth Center, building 2522 on Tuesdays or Saturdays. On Tuesdays, the class will be 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. through Nov. 9. On Saturdays, the class will be noon to 1 p.m. through Nov. 13. Cost of the workshop is \$45 per student. Students must wear comfortable clothing and

shoes they can move in. No jeans or denim. Open to all DoD ID card holder Family members.

The Greatest Race

CYSS SKIES Unlimited and Missoula Children's Theater (MCT) will present the production of "The Tortoise Versus The Hare: The Greatest Race," Dec. 4. Auditions will be held 4 to 6 p.m., Nov. 29 at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522. Roles are available for students in grades Kindergarten through 12. Approximately 50 to 60 local students will be cast to appear in the show with the MCT tour actor/ director. There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast in the play. Students wishing to audition must arrive by the scheduled starting time and stay for the entire two-hour session. The first rehearsal begins approximately 15 to 30 minutes after the audition. All children wishing to participate must be registered with CYSS. This is a group audition - no advance preparation is necessary, but a smile never hurts. Students should just be ready to come and have a good time. Open to all DoD ID card holder family members.

To register, call the Central Registration Office, building 2503, 410-278-7571/7479; for an appointment or for more information email stacie.umbarger1@conus.army. mil or call 410-278-4589.

Driver's Ed classes start up again

Driver's Education classes are scheduled through Oct. 19; Oct. 25 through Nov. 8; and Nov. 29 through Dec. 13. There is no class on federal holidays. Classes will be held Monday thru Friday, 5 to 8 p.m. by The Ultimate Driving School, LLC, located at 13 North Parke Street, Aberdeen.

Classes include 30 hours classroom instruction and six hours behind the wheel instruction. The last day to register for the first class is one week prior to the first class. Students must be between the ages of 15.9 and 18 years old. Open to all DoD ID card holders. Driver's Ed costs \$335 per student. Prices are subject to change without notice.

October bowling specials

- Early Bird special: Bowl from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. for \$1 per game. Shoe rental costs \$2.
- Monday through Friday, 2 to 4 p.m., bowl for \$.75 per game. Shoe rental costs \$2.
- Cosmic Saturdays: Each Saturday, receive one hour of bowling, one whole cheese pizza (toppings extra) and one pitcher of soda for \$32.
- Each Friday, 9:30 to 11 p.m., bowl one game for \$3.50 and bowl one game free. Shoe rental costs \$2.

New bowling rates

Bowling costs \$3 per game, Monday

through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; games cost \$3.50 each on Fridays, 9:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.; Cosmic Saturdays cost \$3.75 per game; and \$3 per game on Sundays.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials Building 2342

The Bowling Center hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday and Tuesday; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday; 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday; 1 to 11 p.m., Saturday; and 1 to 6 p.m., Sunday. Lunch delivery is available for all orders \$25 or more. Call for delivery before 11 a.m.

Week of Oct. 11

Special #1: Egg salad sandwich with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$4.25.

Special #2: Grilled ham and cheese with tomato soup, cookie and regular soda for \$4.95.

Week of Oct. 18

Special #1: Turkey club sandwich with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$7.25.

Special #2: Pepperoni pizza sub with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$5.50.

The Bowling Center also serves breakfast. For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-4041. Orders must be placed before 10:30 a.m.



Showcase

From front page

UMBC or North Carolina State University to pursue a degree in computer engineering.

Spangler, at age 15, has been playing the drums since he was three. The Aberdeen High School 10th graders also writes his own music. He said he felt comfortable and confident on stage.

"The title doesn't mean anything," he said of his chosen song. "I just liked the name dirty dish rags."

Spangler also is looking toward a computer engineering degree.

Minor, who is halfway through his term as a ChalleNGe cadet, said he's been dancing since the age of 7. A native of Harlem, now living in Port Washington, Minor said he hopes to attend college and pursue a career in dance.

Adults strut their stuff

Talented vocals, rap and even comedy made for great entertainment during the adult showcase.

Tikiela Mims, a Lockheed-Martin engineer from Elkridge walked away with first-place after singing her original ballad "Focus" while strumming on guitar. Mims opened the show singing the national anthem. While not judged. it also was a strong performance.

Jenny Wassom, an APG spouse took second place with the song "Redeemer," a gospel ballad that complimented her wide range.

In third was Ronald Walls, a retired APG chaplain who's energy captured the audience with the upbeat gospel tune "I Came to Praise the Lord." The People's Choice award went to Courtney Brewer, a civilian Family member who sang Carrie Underwood's "Angel," which was dedicated to her grandfather who passed away earlier in the week.

Ortiz and Command Sgt. Mai. Harold Ness of the 143rd Ordnance Battalion presented awards. Ortiz said it was a wonderful evening with a great job done by all contestants in both shows.

"It takes a lot of fortitude to get up and perform in front of an audience," he said. He thanked the judges, Devine, and

Earlene Allen, MWR lead programmer for putting on the show.

"You kept us entertained and did a wonderful job," Ortiz said.

Mims said she grew up singing in church and while happy with her job, she plans to keep writing music, singing and hoping for a musical career. She said a friend in the music business recommended that she try out for the contest to present her music to a live audience.

"This was a lot of fun," she said. "No matter whether you win or lose it's always a good feeling when you connect with the audience."

Wassom is the wife of Sgt. James Wassom of the U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional). She said she has been singing in church since she was old enough to talk.

"I was nervous at first but then I felt really good up there," she said. "I've been in talent shows before but not for a long time. I wasn't expecting so much wonderful talent. I'm truly honored."

Brewer is the daughter of Bob Brewer, an Aberdeen Test Center contractor and Diana Brewer of CERDEC. She said she missed a day of rehearsal due to the loss of her grandfather but wanted to finish what she started in his memory.

"I usually do country [music] but I stepped out of myself for this one," she said. "I felt confident up there and I'm glad I was able to do this for him."

Other contestants included Ashley Ramirez from the APG Garrison. Ramirez performed Lady Gaga's "I Want Your Love" dressed in an eye-popping Lady Gaga-like costume. Next was Kirby Kelbaugh, a Harford Community College student, singing Jeff Buckley's "Hallelujah," followed by Ebony McClintock who sang an original song titled "Lost in Love."

Staff Sgt. Antonio Lewis, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, performed his original rap, "Just Hip Hop" and APG civilian Brett Comer, the show's lone comic, performed an original comedy routine.

The showcase's final contestants included Staff Sgt. Steve Edgerton, who performed the jazz piece "Speak to My Heart" by gospel musician Donnie McClurkin on guitar. Spc. Dennis Bontya of the 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion performed the rap song "Bring the MC Back," guitarist Victoria White sang Colbie Caillat's "I Never Told You," and Staff Sgt. Johnathan Oliver of Fort Meade delivered a smooth rendition of the Luther Vandross classic, "Superstar."

Lewis also subbed as a judge during the APG Kids Got Talent Showcase and Edgerton provided background music on keyboard for several performers.

Chesapeake Community Players members provided additional entertainment during breaks and intermission. Trevor Biggs and Jim Rapposelli opened the show with a Jake and Elwood Blues Brothers routine and Sean Jamison drew raves for his Garth Brooks medley during the intermission. In addition, members of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity performed a step show to a medley of Saturday Night Live tunes.

The judges expressed their impressions of the evening's performances.

"We were terribly impressed with the adults and the children," said judge Sylvia Meranski.

"I think it was an amazing evening," added Richard Delbrook. "This shows you the hidden talents people have that you don't get to see unless you get them out in the open."

"There's great talent here at APG," said Roy Graphenreed, co-judge and an entertainment promoter from the social network www.musicnews.com, based in Glen Burnie. "It's a plus for these young people that APG is willing to work to bring their talents out."

Army Entertainment consultants Darryl Allara and Ken Freehill said they were impressed as well. The two travel worldwide critiquing similar events for the Army Festival of the Arts.

They said the APG showcase was their final event of the season.

'We judge the overall production and look for outstanding presentations in all the disciplines; vocalists, instrumentalists, dancers, comedy and spoken word," Allara said.

"Talent wise, we consider all members of the military community."

"APG has a wealth of talent and should put on more and more events like this and the one last night," he added in reference to the "Tribute to the Troops Variety Show" performance the night before.

"It's important that the community shares in these programs and that children are encouraged to perform," he added. "APG seems to understand that."

Freehill added that Army Entertainment consultants are the "first line of scouts" for the U.S. Army Soldier Show.

"When we see a performance we like, we recommend that they get with MWR to prepare a packet and try out for the show," he said.

"We have about one-hundred names on the list so far this year. You can tell just by what you saw here tonight that the Army is full of talented people."



the keyboard as he sings the gospel song, "Still Here.

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Kwame Parker, first place youth winner for his age group, plays Kristen Sloan delivers sings the teen favorite "1, 2 Step" song by Ciara to win first place in her age group.



Sam Spangler wins first place and the People's Choice Award for his original song "Dirty Dish Rags," on drums.